[Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan.]

incident when some of our men, and men from Police and the Forest Departments, were assaulted by a gang of robbers from the British Indian side. Therefore, I request the sanction of the House for this additional amount to be used for the rest of the year.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND III—STAMPS.

MR. A. LEKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 30,850 under Demand No. III—Stamps. There is an abnormal demand for stamp papers this year due to a large number of documentary transactions. The revenue in the first eight months of this year is more than Rs. 21·5 lakhs against Rs. 14·5 lakhs only last year. Stamp papers have to be printed and despatched to the treasuries in larger quantities and more paper has to be purchased. There is also some increase in the price of paper. Owing to larger sales an increased amount of discount is payable to vendors. An additional amount of Rs. 30,850 is required for all these additional items of expenditure made up of cost of paper and card boards Rs. 9,000, transmission charges Rs. 5,850 and discount Rs. 16,000. I request that the House will be pleased to vote the additional grant.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND VII—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I beg to move that a supplementary grant of Rs. 37,145 be granted under Demand VII—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage. Out of this amount Rs. 20,000 is required for the additional accommodation which has been provided in the new S. M. V. School and the balance Rs. 17,145 is for certain alterations and additional buildings in the new High Court Buildings. I request that the grant be made.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: I wish to oppose this motion and will adhere to the opposition until I am convinced that I am wrong. In the first place I find "Shifting of the High Court and the S. M. V. school from their present location." Speaking this day, the 17th of Edavom, I can say with authority that the High Court is now accommodated in the old Vanchiyur School buildings and the School is accommodated in the Police Head Quarter's Office. I hope it is an oversight and these buildings will not be changed. I emphasise the words " present location ".

Secondly as a matter of policy, placing this demand for grant before this House creates difficulties for some of us, for, apart from the wisdom or otherwise of the shifting—shifting may be necessary—we are here to ratify by this vote a change of policy and the shifting of the offices. I only request you Sir, that, at any rate in future, before things of such a serious nature are done, the vote of the Legislature may be obtained. With regard to the shifting, it is not within my province to say anything now. But I wish to give a warning to the Government about one matter. When large sums of money were

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